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Public Health Department,
1 Western Parade,
Portsmouth.

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Report on the work of the Port Health Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1959.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
T.E. ROBERTS	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.11.47 retired 31.8.59	M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.	Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer, City of Portsmouth.
P.G. ROADS	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.9.59	M.D., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer, City of Portsmouth.
W.F. APPLETON	Chief Port Health Inspector	1.1.52	F.R.S.H.,	Chief Public Health Inspector, City of Portsmouth.

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SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	415	103,493	1	36	-
Coastwise*	4,153	887,458	-	39	-
TOTAL	4,568	990,951	1	75	-

* Includes local traffic between Southampton, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

There is no passenger traffic.

Cargo Traffic. The principal imports were coal, cement, stone, oil, timber, glassware, building materials, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, cauliflower, citrus fruits, apples, pears, peaches, nuts, chocolate and general cargo traffic, from France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, North Africa, Spain and Channel Islands.

The principal exports were pitch, machinery, scrap iron, fertilisers, oxide, barley and general cargo.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

No change.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

No change.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

(1) Cases of smallpox are removed to the smallpox hospital at Crabwood, near Winchester.

(2) Cases are conveyed by the Portsmouth Municipal Ambulance Service, the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews being: 25 vaccinated in 1956, 5 in 1957, 3 in 1955, 2 in 1954, 4 not known.

(3) The smallpox consultant is Dr. I.M. McLachlan, Physician Superintendent, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Portsmouth (Tel. 22331).

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox exist, by arrangement with the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service, at the Central Laboratory, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Portsmouth.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

No change.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports, but have been disposed of before arrival ...	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships ...	-	-	-	-

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No malaria occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No plague or suspected plague occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Vessels arriving from abroad are examined periodically by the Port Health Inspector. Rat disinfestation is carried out by the Rodent Control Section of the Health Department in the port area.

(2) Bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents can be carried out at the Central Laboratory, Infectious Diseases Hospital; none was examined during the year.

(3) The Port is not approved for the deratting of ships and, by agreement with Southampton Port Health Authority, this is undertaken by them. One Deratting Certificate and nine Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during the year.

(4) When necessary, rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and quays.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports:

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	-
Infested with plague	-

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

(Not applicable)

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Primary	61	-	12	-
Others	14	-	-	-
Total	75	-	12	12 complied with

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS)

No change.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

No change.

I desire to express my thanks to the Queen's Harbour Master and H.M. Collector of Customs and their staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year, and to record my appreciation of the service rendered by the Port Health Inspector.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. Ly. Rands

Medical Officer of Health,
City and Port of Portsmouth.

11th March, 1960.